



***** TRAFFIC ADVISORY *****

Work Begins at the Griffith Street Bridge in Davidson
Motorists encouraged to be aware, drive safely in work zone

Charlotte, N.C. (January 23, 2017) – Preliminary construction activities and adjacent roadway work have begun at the Griffith Street bridge as part of the I-77 Express Lanes project. Clearing activities are already underway. When the new bridge is complete, it will provide improved connectivity with new bike lanes and sidewalks.

The construction of the bridge will happen in phases. The first phase includes the construction of half of the new bridge. During this phase, traffic will still use the existing traffic lanes of the current bridge. Once the first half of the new bridge is built, traffic will be switched to the new structure. Two traffic lanes, one in each direction, will remain open during construction of the new Griffith Street bridge. The second phase of the Griffith Street bridge includes the demolition of the current bridge, setting up beams and building the second half of the new bridge. The third phase will include the construction of new sidewalks, including connecting to existing sidewalks.

Throughout the construction process, I-77 Mobility Partners and contractor Sugar Creek Construction seek to minimize the impact of traffic changes by scheduling specific activities during non-peak drive times. Motorists are encouraged to pay attention when approaching the work zone, obey the posted speed limit and work zone signs, and allow extra time to reach their destinations safely.

Once the I-77 Express Lanes are complete, dedicated express lanes will run adjacent to the existing general purpose lanes from Charlotte to Mooresville. The number of general purpose lanes will remain the same as today. Drivers will have the choice of using the express lanes to avoid travel delays, the general purpose lanes or a combination of both. Vehicles with three or more occupants (including the driver) and equipped with a transponder may use the express lanes for free.

For the most up to date information about the project, we encourage people to sign up for our e-newsletter and follow us on social media, using the following: <http://www.i77express.com/newsroom/newsletter-e-alerts/>

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The I-77 Express Lanes are scheduled to open by the end of 2018. Construction is occurring during the day and night, primarily in the median of I-77. All general purpose lanes on I-77 remain open during the day. Occasional lane closures in the general purpose lanes on I-77 only take place in overnight hours to minimize impacts to traffic.